

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FERDINAND REYNOLDS,

Plaintiff,

v.

THEODORE WHITE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:95-cv-01451-JAM-JDP (PC)

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
TO BE EXCUSED FROM PAYING THE
FILING FEE

ECF No. 279

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding without counsel and *in forma pauperis*, commenced this action in 1995. ECF No. 1. In 2001, plaintiff's claims were dismissed following a bench trial, and judgment was entered accordingly. ECF Nos. 199 & 200. The Ninth Circuit subsequently vacated the judgment and remanded the case to determine whether plaintiff waived his right to a jury trial. ECF No. 218. In August 2007, after conducting an evidentiary hearing, the court reinstated the March 2001 judgment. ECF Nos. 261 & 262.

Approximately twelve years later, plaintiff filed a motion requesting that he be excused from paying the outstanding balance of the filing fee due to "financial strain."¹ ECF No. 279. The Prison Litigation Reform Act requires that all prisoners proceeding *in forma pauperis* pay the full amount of the filing fee, although payments can be made in increments. *Williams v. Paramo*,


¹ This case was recently reassigned to the undersigned and District Judge John. A. Mendez. ECF No. 280.

1 775 F.3d 1182, 1185 (9th Cir. 2015); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) & (2); *Taylor v. Delatoore*,
2 281 F.3d 844, 847 (9th Cir. 2002) (“Under the PLRA, all prisoners who file IFP civil actions
3 must pay the full amount of the filing fee.”).

4 Accordingly, plaintiff remains obligated to pay the entire filing fee, and his motion, ECF
5 No. 279, is denied.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 Dated: September 29, 2021


JEREMY D. PETERSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE